

REMARKS

The Rejections Under 35 USC § 112

These rejections are moot in view of the amendments to the forms of the claims.

Additionally, further clarifying amendments were made to the claims.

The definitions of Y¹ and Y² and/or R⁰ and R⁰⁰ were inserted into several claims from which they were missing.

The substituents R⁰ and R⁰⁰ were used twice in, e.g., claim 3, with different definitions. In the second occurrence, these groups were renamed to R^x and R^{xx}.

From claim 12 the definitions of R and R' were removed because such groups were not present in the formulae of said claim.

The groups R' and R'' appeared in the definition of R and R' as B(OR')(OR''). To clarify, that the R' and R'' group in B(OR')(OR'') is different than the R' and R'' substituents in the formulae depicted in claim 13, the groups in the definition of R and R' was renamed B(OR^x)(OR^{xx}).

No change in scope is achieved with any of these formality amendments. They just merely clarify the claims. As such, no new issues are raised by these amendments, and as such, the entry thereof is respectfully and courteously requested.

The Rejections Under 35 USC § 102 and 103

Claims 2-13, 16-18 and 20-24 are rejected as allegedly anticipated by or obvious over US '459.

The currently amended definitions of R⁷ to R¹⁰ do not include CN, rendering these rejections readily moot.

Claims 3, 4 and 6 are rejected as allegedly anticipated independently by US '644 and by CA 68:12754, and claims 3, 4, 6, 7, 13 and 24 as allegedly anticipated by US '891.

The currently amended definitions of R⁵ to R⁶ do not include BR, Cl and CN, and in claim 13 the compound of formula Ic2 was removed and was inserted into new claim 25, where CN is not an option for R'' and R''' rendering these rejections readily moot.

Additional dependent claims were entered which do not raise new issues.

The entry and consideration of these amendments is respectfully and courteously requested.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees associated with this response or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 13-3402.

Respectfully submitted,

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